

## CARMEN'S WEDDING

Bride and groom had  
left the church with  
six bridesmaids  
trailing them

Father Arthur shooed  
chatty guests from the  
crowded vestibule

Head on over to the hall  
he directed  
that's where the celebrating  
will begin

Outside the church  
- a carnation from a maid's  
bouquet  
lay fragrant on the walk

Carmen's little retarded sister  
picked up the flower  
and put it in her hair  
said, Here comes the bride

## QUANDARY

It was pure cherrywood  
and Aunt Lyda's pride and joy  
a china closet filled with  
painted cups and bowls  
kimonoed dolls with chalkwhite  
faces red spots on their cheeks  
and shoeblack hair  
mementoes of fifty years

Aunt Lyda never could accept  
the fact the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor  
even after her grandson was killed  
at Iwo Jima  
she would stand before the china  
closet and try to console herself

Such pretty things  
she would repeat  
how could people make such  
pretty things  
and do what they done to us